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109TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend section 1113 of the Social Security Act to temporarily increase funding for the program of temporary assistance for United States citizens returned from foreign countries, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. THOMAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Returned Americans  
5       Protection Act of 2006”.

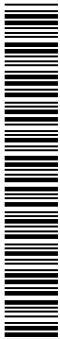


1 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR THE PRO-**  
2 **GRAM OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR**  
3 **UNITED STATES CITIZENS RETURNED FROM**  
4 **FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

5 Section 1113(d) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
6 1313(d)) is amended by striking “2003” and inserting  
7 “2006”.

8 **SEC. 3. REPORT BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

9 Not later than March 1, 2007, the Inspector General  
10 of the Department of Health and Human Services, shall  
11 submit to the Committee on Ways and Means of the  
12 House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance  
13 of the Senate a written report describing how funds made  
14 available to carry out section 1113 of the Social Security  
15 Act have been used to provide assistance to United States  
16 citizens returned to the United States on or after July  
17 20, 2006, and before the most recent date covered by the  
18 report, after evacuation from Lebanon, including a break-  
19 down of program costs incurred with regard to repa-  
20 triating individuals from Lebanon, including for (1) direct  
21 assistance to individuals (such as costs of domestic travel  
22 and short-term lodging), and (2) administrative costs  
23 (such as for caseworkers, security, and related expenses).



1 **SEC. 4. CONTINUATION OF REPATRIATION PROGRAM**  
2 **THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2007.**

3 Section 1113 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
4 1313) is amended by adding at the end the following:  
5 “(f) The authorities provided by this section shall ex-  
6 pire on September 30, 2007.”.

